Coal supply to Raichur Thermal Power Station

1737. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Raichur Thermal Power Station in Karnataka is on the verge of shutting down due to complete breakdown in coal supplies; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to direct the Coal India Limited to ensure continuity in supply of coal to avoid the closure of the RTPS ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Coal companies have not been supplying coal to Raichur Thermal Power Station as per requirement as Karnataka Power Corporation Limited has not been able to make payments to them due to serious financial constraints. This has adversely affected generation at the station. The supply of coal to various thermal power stations, including Raichur TPS, is regularly monitored at a high level meeting and appropriate remedial action is taken by the concerned agencies wherever necessary.

Eectricity supply to farmers in M. P.

@1738. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of POWER be peased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to provide grants for laying electricity supply to the farmers to energise their irrigation pumps in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details therof;

(c) whether Government have fixed any targets in this regard;

(d) if so. what are the details thereof; and

(e) the number of irrigation pumps which have so far been energised under the scheme in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the scheme, against the average expenditure of Rs. 20,000 per pumpset, Rs. 12,000 would be provided by the State Government as grant and the balance of Rs. 8,000 would be borne by the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board.

(c) and (d) A target for energisation of 25,000 pumpsets has been fixed under this programme. This includes 12,000 pumpsets for Scheduled Caste cultivators having land holding up to two hectares and 6000 pumpsets for Scheduled Tribes having land holding up to 2 to 4 hectares.

(e) 5634 pumps have so far been energised under the aforesaid scheme in the State and line extension works have been completed for 13,675 pumpsets.

Private Sector Power Projects in Arunachal Pradesh

1739. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of stringent financial resources there is any proposal for setting up of some power projects in Arunachal Pradesh in the Private Sector; and

(b) if so, what are the names of those projects and what are their locations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has decided to offer the Kameng Hydro electric Project (600 MW) in Kameng District to the private sector for implementaion.

12.00 Noon

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh) : I have a point of order. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Statement by Minister correcting answer to question.

SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN (Tamil Nadu) : There should be some arrangement for our Members. We should have the right to ask supplementaries in the vernacular language. ... (*Interruptions*)

@Previously Unstarred Question 1371, transferred from 5th March 1993.